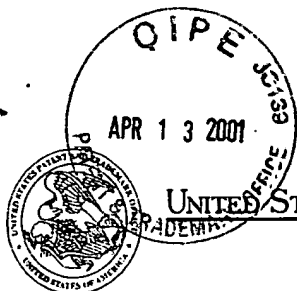


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the sum of \$ 130.00 (Missing Parts surcharge) for a **TOTAL OF \$130.00.**

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☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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